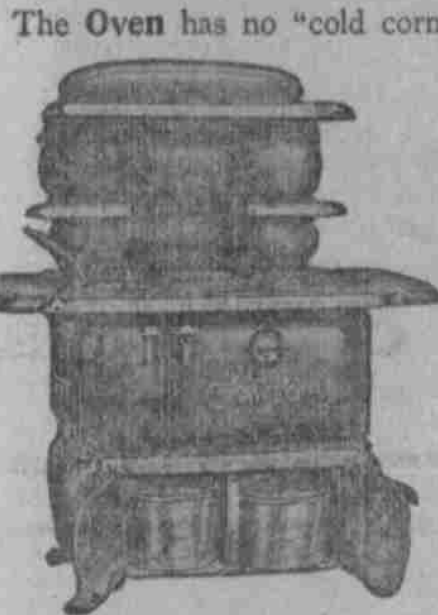


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A Mud House

By EVELYN B. EMERSON

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Among the Boers of South Africa forty years ago lived a farmer named Van Wyk. He was very poor—so poor that he could not choose a desirable place or a decent house in which to live. Indeed, his farm was a circular depression, and when too much rain came it was flooded, and his crops were rotted. As for his house, it was but a hut and was plastered with mud.

But Van Wyk had not always lived thus. Time was when he had been well off, and the eldest daughter, Katherine, was educated.

Katherine was a comely Dutch girl, with blue eyes, fair complexion and hair almost white. Her mother did the best she could to keep her girl well dressed and, having fabrics that she had worn in better days, made them over so successfully that Kate, especially on Sundays, made a very good appearance.

Some distance from the Van Wyks lived a prosperous farmer named Grootenier—that is, he was considered prosperous for that region, though his farm produced only a fair living for himself and his family. He had a number of daughters and but one son; therefore he was anxious that his children should marry with those who were well to do. He had saved a small dowry for each of his daughters, and, as for his son Hans, he proposed to leave him his farm. But he required from any girl his boy should marry a dowry equivalent to his value.

Unfortunately Hans met Katherine at a dance at one of the neighboring farmhouses, and one glance at her pink and milk face, her rosy cheeks and eyes and the two deep colored curls that hung from the back of her head to her ankles put all ideas of his father's plans out of his head. He danced with her several times during the evening, and when the two separated there was one of those enses wherein two young hearts rush together like a couple of electric sparks.

When Farmer Grootenier heard of his son's love affair he called the boy to him and said:

"Hans, I'm ashamed of you. What do you mean by making love to a girl who lives in a cabin plastered with mud? You certainly can't marry her, for if you do I will give this farm to your sisters, and you and your mud hut wife will have nothing to live upon."

Hans only irritated his father by making no reply. People with whom we are angry cannot make us more un-

grateful by listening to what we say and giving us no word in return. Hans went away determined that nothing should separate him from the girl he loved, even to the surrendering of his inheritance, but he did not see how her father could be persuaded to give her to one who could not support her. So the matter went on, as such matters usually do, with hard feeling between Hans and his father and opposition enhancing the attachment of the young couple. Grootenier never lost an opportunity to sneer at the mud cabin in which his son's beloved lived, and since the rest of the family considered Hans would demean himself by taking a wife out of such a home they were constantly taunting him about his mud haired girl who lived in a mud plastered house.

One day the little Van Wyk children prospected the mud plastering for playthings. From a part of it that had given way they pulled out some queer looking stones. Whether they wanted them for jackstones or for some other childish game, they certainly wanted them and did not spare the plastering. When their father came in and saw that they had made rents in the wall he raved them around, and asked them why they had done so, whereupon they showed him the stones they had pulled out.

Farmer Van Wyk forgot the damage to the plastering in the stones. They were rough and did not possess either the appearance or weight of common stones. He studied over them a long while, then borrowed a magnifying glass and examined them with it carefully. Then he called his wife and told her that the plastering of their cabin was sprinkled with diamonds.

The next day before the dawn had hardly broken he went to the place on his farm where he had taken the clay to plaster his cabin and, digging up the earth, found that it was full of the same kind of stones. He could not believe his eyes. Taking one of the diamonds to an emery wheel he ground one side of it and exposed a white surface. Then he ground different parts of it, leaving intersecting planes and, holding the stone up to the rising sun, produced flashes like the rainbow.

Not long after that Farmer Grootenier came over to Van Wyk to congratulate him on his good fortune and to say that, his son being bent on marrying Katherine, he would like to know what dowry her father had for her.

Van Wyk had heard from Katherine the taunts her lover had been obliged to bear at loving a girl who lived in such a house, and his eyes kindled as he said sharply:

"This mud house."

Grootenier made no reply, but went away to tell his son that he might marry Katherine, and Hans forced him to admit that her humble abode was a splendid dowry.

Van Wyk's saucer shaped farm is now the site of Kimberley, one of the great diamond mines of the world.

STANDS BY JAPAN?

Cabinet Won't be Drawn Out
on Manchuria

REFUSES TO ASK JAPAN

To Define Limits of Interests—Japanese
to Convert More of Her Bonds—An
Agreement on \$50,000,000 of
Securities Reached.

London, March 11.—Sir William Bull Wednesday insisted on further information relative to the far eastern situation. He put this question in the House of Commons to the foreign secretary:—

"Whether, in view of certain clauses in the Anglo-Japanese treaty of alliance, his majesty's government will ask Japan to define the limits of her interests in Manchuria, and more especially to explain on what ground she bases her demand for so large a measure of participation in the Chinese-Aigun railway, which is, in Chinese opinion, so far removed from the South Manchurian railway as to prohibit any objections on the plea of competition."

Mr. Thomas McKinnon Wood, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, replying on behalf of Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, replied: "I do not see that there is anything in that question to modify the answer given to the honorable member on February 28, and I can only refer him to that answer, and especially to the first two paragraphs, in view of which there is no object in pursuing the course advocated in his question, even if it were on other grounds reasonable."

This reply is interpreted as again proving that the British government is maintaining its arm in arm with Russia and Japan in this proposition. Sir William is again preparing to put the government on the spot. Sir Charles Hart refused to discuss the situation on the ground of illness. Sir Charles Dillo contended that the American government has been somewhat too forward in pressing her policy toward China, but refused to specify in what particulars.

JAPAN TO CONVERT MORE BONDS.

Agreement on \$50,000,000 of Securities
Has Been Reached.

Tokio, March 11.—The further conversion of \$50,000,000 of the domestic loan has been agreed upon between Count Kazura, the premier, and a syndicate of bankers. The official announcement will be made about March 15. It is said that the successful flotation of the first conversion of \$50,000,000 was extremely encouraging and that the next issue will be on the same terms. These provide for a 4 per cent. basis, the issue price being 95.

WORKING FOR SZE-CHUAN LOAN.

France, Germany and the United States
Have Agreed.

Washington, March 11.—Mr. Cranford, who represents in London the group of American bankers interested in the Sze-Chuan loan of \$30,000,000 for the construction of railroads in central China, had a talk with Assistant Secretary Wilson of the state department. Later Mr. Wilson stated that France, Germany and the United States had agreed upon a final suggestion to be made to Great Britain, looking to the removal of objections which she had made to a final settlement respecting the division of the respective interests of the four countries. The difficulty which Great Britain finds to an agreement respecting the loan is regarded here as inconsequential, and relates to the engineering interests which the United States may have in a projected railroad extension, which may never be built. The officials express the view that Great Britain cannot consistently press her objections much further, and a settlement is looked for within a comparatively short time.

The Catalogue Deluge.

"Barbara" made familiar to thousands of readers by Mrs. Mabel Osgood Wright, in her delightful book, "The Garden of a Commuter's Wife," appears again in a new series by Mrs. Wright, being published exclusively in Suburban Life. In the March number she describes the pleasures afforded by the spring catalogues, as follows: "In the first rush, I took them all over; then I picked out three or four that I knew to be reliable and safe as to specialties, and then I made my first list. This list is a wild sort of orgy, and contains everything that looks attractive, without regard to price or room for planting. After this has rested on the desk for a week, I begin a vigorous pruning, and have the choicest and shrunken list ready to mail by the first of March. If there is anything that is the constant triumph of hope over experience, it is keeping enthusiasm alive in the New England climate; and for this purpose there is no such stimulant as a browse used catalogue. I wouldn't miss the annual deluge for the world, for their gay covers are the red flags in the sunlight of gardening."



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CUBAN INSANE BADLY TREATED.

Deplorable Conditions at National Asylum Discovered by Dr. Malberty.

Havana, March 11.—The report of Dr. Malberty, the most prominent Cuban alienist, shows most deplorable conditions in the national asylum for the insane at Mazorra, near Havana, in which 2000 patients are confined. This asylum was made a model institution under the administration of General Leonard Wood, but at the beginning of the second American intervention it was discovered to be in a frightful condition. The patients were starving, practically destitute of bedding and clothing. Colonel Greble, under orders from Governor Magoun, then effected a complete reform of the institution, rebuilding wards and adding plantations, in which the patients were permitted to work. Various classes of the insane were segregated, and the whole institution was raised to a high level. Dr. Malberty's report shows that the asylum within a year succeeding American control, was completely disorganized, all classes of insane being indiscriminately herded, and lacking food, clothing and shelter.

N. E. GRANITE WORKS.

Relocation of Sheds May be Made this Coming Season.

Concord, N. H., March 11.—The removal of the sheds of the New England Granite works, from Ferry street to a new location near the quarries of the company may be undertaken the present season, according to a statement made by Col. James G. Patterson, yesterday.

Mr. Patterson said: "The company, last season, practically completed the road bed of the proposed railroad to the quarries and from the quarries to the base of the hill. This was a work of considerable magnitude, and involved quite a large expense."

"I expect now that the Boston & Maine road will take the matter up and will lay the rails during the spring

or early summer; and this done, the company will at once establish its sheds on the flat at the base of the hill and west of the New Hampshire state prison property."

The site of the present sheds on Ferry street was purchased several years ago by the Boston and Maine road, and when it is vacated, it will be used for railroad purposes, but of what character has not yet been determined.

LAUNDRYMEN BANQUET.

And Elect Officers at Annual Meeting in Rutland.

Rutland, March 11.—Forty members attended the fifth annual meeting of the New Hampshire and Vermont Laundrymen's association here last night, at which officers were elected as follows: J. A. Toof of Keene, N. H., president; R. W. Smith of North Conway, N. H., first vice-president; K. F. James of Manchester, N. H., second vice-president; M. J. Foley of Rutland, third vice-president; W. P. Witcomb of Montpelier, secretary and treasurer; O. D. Adams of St. Johnsbury, E. C. Wingate of Nashua, N. H., E. S. Reed of Laconia, C. R. Huntley of Burlington and Fred Reed of Concord, N. H., executive committee. The guests of honor were E. S. Purdy of Jersey City, president of the National association, J. A.

Beattie of Troy, N. Y., president of the New York State association, and L. H. Dickerman of Troy, editor of the American Laundry Journal. Papers were read by E. Ray Spence of Boston, W. P. Whitcomb of Montpelier and E. C. Wingate of Nashua, N. H. Banquet was served at the Berwick House. The next meeting will be held at Boston in March, 1911.

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